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for counter-signature by the Underwriter
and to take immediate delivery of their
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notice to the contrary be given before
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be landed into the Godowns of THE HONG-
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signees' risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the
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remaining undelivered after 25th Novem-
ber, will be subject to rent.
All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 25th November,
at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, November 18, 1903. 2363

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
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Hongkong, November 21, 1903. 2364

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WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.
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WEEK DAYS.
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8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m., Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m., Every 10 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m., Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m., Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
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4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., Every 10 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., Every 10 minutes.
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Vessels Advertised as Loading

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports, &c.	Katani (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Dec. 16, at No.
Bremen, &c.	Hamburg (a)	Melchers & C ^o .	November 25, at No.
Bremen, &c.	Peter Heinrich (s)	Melchers & C ^o .	December 3, at No.
Bremen, &c.	Edmund Albert (s)	Melchers & C ^o .	December 23, at No.
B'bay, S'para, & C'bo.	Dzumi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 27, at No.
B'bay, S'para, & C'bo.	Bonbu Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 1, at No.
Havre and Hamburg.	Suyiya (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Lini	December 1, at No.
Havre and Hamburg.	Argonia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Lini	December 10, at No.
Kobe via Moji.	Glendal (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	December 10, at No.
Kobe via Moji.	Eastern (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Nov. 27, at No.
Liverpool.	Achilles (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 20, at No.
London, &c.	Chusan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 5 at No.
London, Antwerp &c.	Fernosa (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 10, at No.
Manila.	Glendal (s)	McGregor Bros. & Gow	December 8, at No.
Manila.	Roseita Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha.	Nov. 26, at No.
Manila.	Trenton (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	About Nov. 25, at No.
Manila.	Rubi (s)	Shawson, Tomes & Co.	Nov. 28, at No.
Manila.	Zainoo (s)	Shawson, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 3, at No.
Manila.	Laing (s)	Jardine Matheson & Co.	Dec. 10, at No.
Manila.	Sungking (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	November 29, at No.
Manila, Auslian Ports.	Changsha (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 2, at No.
Manila, A'lian Ports.	Airlio (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Nov. 28, at No.
Marseilles via Saigon.	Manche (s)	Mosagieries Maritimes	Dec. 1, at No.
Maru, L'don & A'rop.	Hyson (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 8, at No.
Moji, Kobe & Yama.	Yoshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 28, at No.
Moji, Kobe & Yama.	Sado Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 28, at No.
N'ki, Kobe & Yama.	Yanata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 9, at No.
N'saki, Y'hama & Kobe.	Nürnberg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Lini	Nov. 24, at No.
New York v. Suex Canal.	Oromo (s)	Dowdell & Co., Ltd.	December 8, at No.
New York, Suex Canal.	Lowther Castle (s)	Dowdell & Co., Limited	December 11, at No.
New York, Suex Canal.	Horstman (s)	Shawson, Tomes & Co.	November 29, at No.
New York.	Glenroy (s)	McGregor Bros. & Gow	December 1, at No.
Ningpo and Shanghai.	Weoung (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	November 1, at No.
P'oon, v. Amoy S'par.	Palacatin (s)	Jardino, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 1, at No.
Shanghai.	Sinith (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 10, at No.
San Fisco via Japan.	Shai and Portland, Or.	Portland Asiatic Co.	December 1, at No.
S'para, Pang Calcutta.	Arraloon Apar (s)	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Nov. 25, at No.
S'para, Java, Ceylon, &c.	Tippinas (s)	Hetz & Jacob & Co.	About Nov. 25, at No.
Shai, Kobe & Yama.	Tahiti (s)	Hetz & Jacob & Co.	About Dec. 1, at No.
Shai, Kobe & Yama.	Shianhi (s)	Allegories Maritime	About Dec. 1, at No.
Shao, P'ong, Flay, & C'bo.	Shan (s)	Sander, Wiler & Co.	December 1, at No.
Slow, Amoy & Tamsui.	Dajin Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	November 1, at No.
Slow, Amoy & Tamsui.	Daiji Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	November 1, at No.
Slow, Amoy & Ningpo.	Maizuru Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	November 1, at No.
Slow, Amoy, Foochow, Amoy.	Anping Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	December 1, at No.
Victoria B.C. to Canton.	Hailong (s)	Canton Steamship Co.	Nov. 25, at No.
Vancouver (B.C.) & Empress of Japan (s).	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	January 1, at No.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma (Olympia) (s).	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Dodwell & Co., Limited	November 1, at No.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma (Victoria) (s).	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Dodwell & Co., Limited	November 1, at No.
Yam, S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Ceylon (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Nov. 25, at No.
	P. & O. S. N. Co.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Nov. 25, at No.

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

November 24, 1903.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quot.
BANKS.				
Banking and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	\$ 125 all		\$640, sales
National Bank of China, Limited	19,970	£ 10 £ 8		\$229, buyers
	29,935	£ 10 £ 8		\$229, buyers
	710			\$ 1 \$10
INSURANCE COMPANIES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 260	\$ 50	\$176, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$ 53.35	\$ 25	\$60, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	\$714, sales
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$ 250	\$ 10	\$492, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$435
RAILWAY STOCKS.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 100	\$ 20	\$90, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$ 250	\$ 50	\$320, sellers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$265, sales
Jeo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$174
Swire Smelter Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$182, sellers
S. C. Fanham, Boy & Co., Limited.	55,720	£100	£100	£122
STEAMSHIP CO'S, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$131, sellers
Duguid Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$90, buyers
B.K. Co. & M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	£ 10	£ 15	\$31, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	10,000	£ 10	£ 10	\$74, sellers
For Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	£ 10	£ 10	

Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	100,000	5	10	all	\$104, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited.....	12,500	5	60	50	\$52½, sellers
TRAMWAYS.					
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	8	100	all	\$320, sellers
MINING.					
J. Ichi Nunjio & Trading Co., Ltd.....	50,000	2	5	5	50 cents, sellers
New Mining Mining Co., Ltd.....	50,000	5	11	11	\$1,60, sellers
..... Preference shares.....	20,000	3	1	all	20 cents
Société Française des Charbon- nages du Tonkin.....	16,000	Fcs. 250	all		\$600, seller
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.....	200,000	£	1	13/10	38, sellers
HOTELS, ETC.					
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.....	12,000	5	50	all	\$147, sellers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Htenten)	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50		Tls. 165½, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shai)	30,000	5	25	25	\$24, sales
MISCELLANEOUS.					
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.....	50,000	5	10	all	\$14, sales
Watkins Limited.....	10,000	3	10	10	\$7½, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.					
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.....	7,000	£	40	all	\$140, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.....	8,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 108, sales
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.....	30,000	5	10	10	\$12½, sellers
New Electric (new issue).....	30,000	5	10	5	\$6½, sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.....	10,000	5	10	10	\$23, sales
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.....	20,000	5	50	50	\$1½, sellers
Bull's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.....	8,904	£	12/6	£ 12/3	\$5½, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited.....	100,000	5	10	5	83, buyers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.....	5,000	5	10	10	\$210, buyers
Hk. Street Water-bott Co., Ltd.....	7,000	5	10	10	\$140, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.....	10,000	5	7½	all	\$12½, ex div.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.....	5,000	5	25	all	\$247, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.....	7,200	£	20	20	Tls. 425
Shanghai Planting Company, Ltd.....	20,000	5	5	5	nominal
Shanghai Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	5	10	10	\$14½, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	12½	0	10	10	\$15, buyers
Hk. Wo Cotton Spinning and Weav- ing Co., Ltd.....	17,500	Tls.	0	Tls. 100	Tls. 33
International Cotton Manufactur- ing Co., Ltd.....	10,000	Tls.	70	Tls. 75	Tls. 23½
Luen-King Wo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.....	8,000	Tls.	100	Tls. 100	Tls. 36
Shanghai Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd. (China Pre-vident Loan Mortgage) Co., Ltd.....	2,000	Tls.	500	Tls. 500	Tls. 20
China Horace Company, Limited.....	50,000	5	10	10	\$9, sellers
Universa Trading Co., Ltd.....	20,000	5	12	12	9, sellers
Campbell Moore & Co., Limited.....	1,200	10	all	all	40, buyers
Wm. Purel, Ltd.....	12,000	5	10	10	\$8½, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Dyeing and Finishing Co., Ltd.....	1,200	5	50	50	Nominal
The Canton-Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited.....	70,000	£	10	10	\$10, Nominal
COAL COMPANIES.					
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.....	20,000	5	60	60	\$15, sellers
Ashua Limited.....	300	500	500	500	500
LOANS.					
Chinese Imperial 1888 £ Ld.	787,200	Tls.	250½	% p. annum	Par
VERNON and SMYTH, Sole Brokers					

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG STEAM WATER
BOAT CO., LTD.

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Steam Water Co., Ltd., was held to-day at noon, at the offices of the Company, No. 37, Connaught Road. Mr. Chai Siu Ki was in the chair, and there were present: Messrs. Chui Chung Hong, Kwan Fong Kuk, Tam Wing Po, Julia A. Carvalho, Capt. Clark and J. W. Kew (General Manager).

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, The report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission, take them as read. I can hardly add anything to the report, and have no doubt that the figures must convince themselves to you, and I hope that our current year will be at least equally as good. The new boat which has been added to our fleet has been in service only three months, so that in consequence of this addition, I have every reason to expect that our next balance sheet will show even better results. You will also have observed from the report that we have continued the policy of writing down the Company's property, and good will in particular, which I think proves the soundness of our concern, as it is not often that we can expect that a Company can practically wipe out the item under this head in the third year of its existence. With these few remarks, I will now move the adoption of the Report and Accounts, but before doing so, I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Chui Chung Hong seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously. On the motion of Mr. Tam Wing Po, seconded by Mr. Kwan Fong Kuk, the appointment of Mr. Francisco de la Torre to the consulting committee was confirmed. Mr. Carvalho seconded that Mr. Chai Siu Ki be re-elected to the consulting committee. The motion was carried.

The Chairman proposed the resolution of Mr. Hutton Potts in relation to the ensuing year. On being seconded by Mr. Kew the proposal was carried. Capt. Clark proposed a vote of thanks to the General Manager for the satisfactory manner in which the business of the Company was carried on, and to the consulting committee. Mr. Carvalho seconded the proposal, which was carried with applause. Mr. Kew briefly responded.

MEETING OF JUSTICES OF
THE PEACE.

At the Magistrate's to-day, under the presidency of Mr. J. H. Kemp, a meeting of Justices of the Peace was held to consider one application for a public license, and three applications for adjutant licenses. There were present, Capt. F. W. Leger, Acting Superintendent of Police, Messrs. E. T. Veitch, A. Shelton Hooper, D. Clark, F. Browne, H. L. Craig and C. D. Melbourne.

An application was received from J. D. M. Cameron, 'Occidental Hotel,' Kowloon, for a public license.

Mr. Kemp said that there were no police objections, and that the names of the householders were acceptable. He moved the application be granted, and the meeting adjourned.

George James Clark, 'Connaught House Hotel,' applied for an adjutant license. Among the names of the householders attached to his application was that of Chai A. Fook.

Mr. Shelton Hooper asked who was Chai A. Fook.

Mr. Kemp: I suppose he is at Messrs. Watkins & Co.

Mr. Shelton Hooper: Do they supply any liquor to the applicant?

Mr. Kemp: Is Mr. Clark here?

Mr. Clark: Reported that he was absent.

Mr. Shelton Hooper: Under the circumstances I think we ought to treat the application in the same way as those at the Annual Sessions of the Justices. I think it is great disrespect to the Justices to be asked to continue the application when the applicant does not attend.

At this stage Mr. Clark walked in.

Mr. Kemp: Who is this Chai A. Fook?

Mr. Clark: He is at Messrs. Watkins & Co.

Mr. Kemp: Do they supply you with liquor of any kind?

Mr. Clark: No, nothing at all.

Mr. Kemp then proposed that the application should be granted, which was agreed to.

Richard Francis Daly, 'Oyster Bar and Restaurant,' 51 Des Voeux Rd., applied for an adjutant license.

Mr. Shelton Hooper: Is there any communication addressed to the Licensing Justices respecting this application?

Mr. Kemp: Yes, one has been received.

Mr. Shelton Hooper: If it is addressed to us, I think it may be read.

Mr. Kemp then read a portion of a letter from Mr. L. Comar objecting to the license being granted, on the ground that it would injure his business.

Mr. Craig: A very reasonable objection.

Mr. Kemp asked if they wanted the whole letter read.

Mr. Shelton Hooper: No, I thought that as the letter was addressed to us, it should be brought before us, and I think this is a matter that should be discussed in private.

CRICKET.

FINAL OF THE R. G. A. CUP.

At Happy Valley yesterday the 78th and 80th Companies of the Royal Garrison Artillery met for the final in the Challenge Cup. The 78th Company opened the game, and were dismissed for 38 runs. The 80th Company were jubilant about their chances then, and going in knocked up 39 runs for the loss of nine wickets, thus winning by one wicket and one run.

The following were the scores:—

78th COMPANY.	
M. Gnr. Thurlow, c. Sewell, b. Browning	0
Bombardier Boyke, c. and b. Butler	0
Gnr. Edwards, b. Butler	0
Cpl. Wilson, c. Toone, b. Butler	0
Gnr. Cattel, b. Butler	0
Gnr. Gough, b. Butler	0
Sgt. Major Wheeler, b. Browning	0
Gnr. Goddard, b. Butler	0
Gnr. Spinkley, c. and b. Browning	0
Cpl. Loughran, c. Fisher, b. Browning	0
Gnr. Hughes, not out	0
Sundries	0
Total	38

80th COMPANY.	
Gnr. Murphy, b. Boyle	0
Cpl. Huddington, c. Thurlow, b. Boyle	10
Cpl. Toone, c. Wheeler, b. Edwards	4
Gnr. Browning, c. Spinkley, b. Boyle	0
Gnr. Butler, c. Edwards, b. Boyle	14
Bombardier Fisher, b. Boyle	0
Bombardier Vial, b. Boyle	0
Sgt. Mann, not out	0
Bombardier Wilshaw, not out	0
Bombardier Sewell, b. Thurlow	2
Sundries	0
Total	39

Boyle secured six wickets for sixteen runs. Thurlow took one for two runs; and Edwards one for twenty-one.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS IN THE
PHILIPPINES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MANILA, November 21.

Business is improving slowly, principally owing to the approach of Christmas. That season and Easter are the harvest times of the shopkeeper. Things do seem to be slightly rosier. If we have a fairly good rice-crop in the Islands and the next Hoilo crop of sugar turns out about two million piculs as expected, then, financially, things must improve.

From some districts, it is reported that the Rice crop is promising well, but I am afraid that the hitherto Rice-producing districts, such as Pangasinan, Capi, North Samar and Nueva Caceres, will again produce little or nothing and large imports of Saigon and Rangoon Rice will be required.

The Americans and Filipinos seem to imagine that if we have free trade between the Islands and the States that nothing more is required to ensure the prosperity of the country. Some people would directly benefit by this free trade. Sugar planters, for instance, as the duty on Sugar in the States being equal to about \$3 per picul in Hoilo. Assorted, this would bring them about 75 per cent. extra for their sugar.

But there is no duty in America on Hoilo. Philippine Copra is not liked in America, and although Tobacco business would benefit by the suppression of duties this would benefit more the owners of the principal Copra Factories than the agriculturalists who grow the Tobacco. There is nothing else of importance that can be sent to the States. Possibly coffee and cacao business might be developed later on.

But what I would like to point out is that the present desperate state of affairs is not owing to the fact that there is such a thing as a Dingley Tariff. The market price of Sugar in Hoilo for the past year or two has been from \$1 to \$5 per picul, possibly averaging \$3 per picul. Now, as Sugar can be grown in Negros or Panay, and is placed in buyers' Godowns in Hoilo at a cost of from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per picul (according to cost of transit and conditions of the Estate), there is a very handsome margin of profit. Hence, at present high prices leaves also a handsome profit. Copra which has varied from \$8 to over \$8 per picul during past year, also leaves a splendid return on the small capital required for this business. So we must look elsewhere for the causes of the present depression of trade.

I have previously stated that in my opinion the real reasons are the enormous imports of Rice and the scarcity of labour. I wonder if it has ever occurred to those who favour free trade with the States, how the ensuing loss of revenue in the Customs house is to be made up. We have here probably the most expensive Government in the world; the number of officials is enormous and is constantly being added to. Formerly, it used to be said that you could not throw a brick out of the window without probably hitting a Friar. Now, we say the same of Government employees, leaving out the 'probably.' The heavy Customs-House duties are the principal source of revenue. This indirect taxation spreads over every inhabitant of the Island in a more or less degree. But I am afraid that if direct taxation ensues, it will weigh very heavily on certain classes, principally the commercial community. It is also very doubtful if the actual living expenses will be reduced appreciably. In Spanish times, imports from Spain came under a preferential duty. But Spanish goods were not correspondingly reduced in price. Manufacturers found out what English, German or other foreign goods cost laid down in Manila, and shaved slightly under this, the saving in duty thus going into their pockets. The same will probably occur again, and American manufacturers and their agents will reap the principal advantage.

A FAMOUS CHINESE ROBBER
CAPTURED.

Bombardment of a Village.

(From a Correspondent.)

TOKYU, November 17.

One of the most famous of the four robbers who have made the south of this province unsafe, is Ma Wong Hoi, from Shek Po, a village on the East River.

Some weeks ago he carried on his evil practices in Shekling, and then (as it was getting too hot for him there) went up the East River. About two hours distant from here, he attacked the Wai Chow Mandarin's junk, in which were several thousand dollars, but as the soldiers displayed some unusual bravery in defending their lives, Ma Wong Hoi withdrew to a small market-town, called Kin Fan, where the people, who, by his sudden arrival, were awe-stricken, immediately closed their shops. Then he marched off with about one hundred followers to Kai Fan Fan, offering his help to the villagers who were engaged in a village fight. The people there thanked him for his help, but felt very much relieved when he left the place the following morning.

Despite the fact that \$1200 was set on his head by the Government, he had the courage to go back to his own village. News of his arrival there was promptly conveyed to the Government officials, and, early last week, a party of soldiers appeared with a letter asking Ma Wong Hoi to give up his reckless life, and the same time offering him the leadership over the band of 500 soldiers in the army. But he 'smelled a rat,' and so declined the honour, scornfully and threateningly sending the soldiers back.

There remained nothing else to do but to use force, and 3000 soldiers from Shekling and Tungking were sent out. On their arrival at Shek Po, regular siege was commenced. The Admiral first sent 100 men to deliver to him Ma Wong Hoi. Ma Wong Hoi himself appeared, and first on the soldiers, killing eight. He then set fire to the village, and he gave orders for heavy cannonade to be opened on the village. This done, the village was shortly in flames, and was soon in the possession of the Admiral's soldiers. Besides the men who were killed, a good many women and children were burnt, and others drowned in the river. I myself went with twenty-two Christians to see the place a day after the fight, and never in my life have I witnessed such pitiable scenes!

Two-thirds of the once flourishing village (it had over 4000 inhabitants) was burnt to the ground, and amidst the smoking ruins the corpses could be seen lying about with their faces turned away from the village, as those who had escaped were afraid to come back. But the crying of the women was simply heartrending. Scores of women, who were all looking for their relations or hoping to find some of their belongings, were wandering about, and from what I gathered by sympathetic conversation, which I think was partly overdone, terrible things must have taken place.

Over there you will find a Hunan soldier killed, who was just cutting off a woman's ears, when her husband arrived at the spot and shot him down, said one woman.

The Hunan soldiers are all cannibals, they ate the burnt people as if they had been roasted pigs, cried out another woman, quite convinced of the truth of this. I tried to calm her, but in vain.

You did not see it, she answered: 'How these monsters behaved. Each soldier had some rolls on his arm, like rolled up towels, which they threw into each house. These rolls burst slowly at first, and then "boom" they suddenly exploded and set the whole house on fire. Those who were inside could hardly get out—I myself was almost burnt. These were the tales that were poured into my ears on all sides.

At first the soldiers did not intend to kill so many prisoners, but as Ma Wong Hoi had broken through their ranks, and in doing so had killed an officer on horseback, a large number of prisoners were beheaded on the spot out of revenge, all with their hands behind them. A party of soldiers followed the robber and his companions to a neighboring village and there caught him. When captured he had secreted on his body \$7000 in paper. He has now been brought to Canton, where he will meet his well-deserved fate. It is to be hoped the dramatic measures meted out to the village of Shek Po, will prove a warning example to the many robbers round about, who are increasing at an alarming rate, making life and property so unsafe.

[This is, we believe, the robber who was reported as having been executed in Canton a few days since.—Ed., C.M.]

'Well, well!' I gleefully exclaimed the pick-pocket, as he took another couple of watches. 'I appear to be in close touch with the people.'

Don't Fool With It.

I will not do to fool with a bad cold. No one can tell what the cold will do. Pneumonia, catarrh, chronic bronchitis, and consumption invariably result from a neglected cold. As a medicine for the cure of colds, coughs, and influenza, nothing can compare with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

A cough is not a disease, but a symptom. It indicates that the lungs and bronchial tubes are inflamed. This inflammation often leads to pneumonia. The surest way to ward off pneumonia is to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the first appearance of the cough or cold. It always cures, and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Three Shops Damaged.

At about 11 o'clock last night a fire broke out in a shop at 132 Queen's Road East, used as a medicine shop on one side and a shoe shop on the other. The flames quickly spread to the adjoining houses, and both suffered severely before the fire was subdued.

The fire started on the ground floor of No. 132, and was first noticed by Sergeant Lander who saw the smoke and flames rising when he was passing in a rickshaw. He jumped out and opened a dispatch box in the vicinity which contained a couple of lengths of hose, and soon had a stream of water playing on the burning house.

Word had by this time been conveyed to No. 2, Police Station, and Inspector Collett turned out a body of men to assist in fighting the fire. Information was immediately telephoned to the Central Fire Station for reinforcements, and another dispatch box was brought to the scene, and a second hose attached to a hydrant.

The Fire Brigade were quickly in attendance in charge of Mr. P. J. J. Wodehouse, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and several streams of water were being played on the flames simultaneously. The fire had a good hold of No. 132 when the brigade arrived, and very soon spread to Nos. 130 and 134. The flames were licking the sides of the houses, and twining round the upper windows. Volumes of smoke rose high into the air and sparked off around in regular showers. The wonder of it is that more houses in the vicinity were not ignited by the sparks which floated about in the air. Fortunately there was a good supply of water, and the engines were able to send good streams right up to the top stories.

From the first it was recognised that No. 132 was doomed and efforts were mainly directed to preventing the spread of the flames to other buildings, besides preventing the further destruction of the two adjoining houses.

The house to the east is No. 134, which was used as a haberdashery shop, and efforts were made to save the stock inside. In this they were very successful, and most of the goods were rescued from the shop and placed on the footpath.

The second floor of No. 134 was used as a family dwelling house, and the occupants were hurriedly bundled out into the street, there being no time to save any of their effects. In the corner of the room was an entrance to the footpath, and the owner of the pot would not allow his hard-earned savings to be risked, and the owners dashed up the stairs and rescued it.

The pot contained about two dollars' worth of cuttings, as well as a few twenty-cent pieces and one or two cents. For this sum he was willing to risk his life, but fortunately he recovered his money without mishap.

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THIEVES IN THE NEW
TERRITORY.

The village of Hong Hau, in the district of Kan Ting in the New Territory, has made an unenviable name for itself. Some two years before the New Territory was taken over by the British, the Mandarin, under whose jurisdiction the village came, went down with a band of soldiers with the express purpose of razing it to the ground.

The inhabitants of the village temporised with them, and ultimately on payment of \$1000 secured a reprieve. The place was well known as a nest of pirates, but after their close shave the robbers quietened down considerably, and for a space a reign of unprecedented peace followed. This did not last for long, and robbers and thieves became frequent.

On October 22 last a gang of three men went into a shop, occupied by Luk Fung Hoi, and demanded \$30, threatening to rob the place that night unless their demand was acceded to. Fearing the consequences, the occupier handed over \$4, and the gang left, after warning Luk Fung Hoi they would be returned to the police. Luk Fung Hoi was impressed with their threat, and said nothing about the occurrence to anyone. The police, however, were actively engaged investigating other thefts that had taken place in the vicinity, and were pursuing inquiries about certain suspects, when this affair came out. Luk Fung Hoi refused to give any particulars to the police, fearing the vengeance of the gang, but ultimately the gang was arrested, and although he admitted being present at the time, said that he did not extract \$30, but only extracted \$4, and that Wong Tai Cheung received the money.

The police have been endeavouring for some time past to lay their hands on Wong Tai Cheung, but so far have been unsuccessful.

At the Magistrate's to-day, before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, Luk Fat was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, with four hours in the stocks.

ROWING.

V.R.C. Regatta.

The V.R.C. Regatta will take place on Dec. 16 and 17, when twenty-three races, sculling and sailing included, will be contested. On the first day the Challenge Cup, between the Hongkong Boat Club and the V.R.C. for four oars, will be the main event. The German Cup is looked upon as likely to result in some good racing, and the other events will all be interesting. Next the International Challenge Cup, open to all comers, and rowed in four oared boats, will be the main event. The cup, which was presented by the late J. S. Lyrall, Esq., is held by the winning crew for one year, but remains the property of the Club. Invitations for this and other events were sent to the Canton and Hongkong Boat Clubs, but so far no reply has been received from the Canton Club. Entries for most of the events close on December 10, and a large number of entrants are expected. The prizes are also provided for the Juniors, Police, and Naval men.

The Canton Regatta is to take place on December 18 and 19, the two days immediately succeeding the Victoria Recreation Club's regatta. This will preclude the possibility of many members of either club participating in the open events—events which would probably have caused a great deal of interest had the members of each club been able to take part. The members of the two clubs are anxious to test each other's rowing capabilities, and it is rather unfortunate that they should be debarred from doing so, through the dates being fixed so very close together. It is a healthy thing for the sport to have these open competitions, but what is the use of open events, if the dates of the regattas clash? Still it is not too late even now to remedy the defect. A postponement of a week, or even of a couple of days No. 134 was uninsured, with the exception of the top floor, which is included in the insurance for No. 132. The insurance on No. 132 was renewed a few days ago, as the old policy had expired with the London and Lancashire and the Royal Exchange Insurance Companies.

The exact amount of the damage is unknown, but it is estimated at over \$10,000. No explanation is yet given as to the cause of the fire.

During the progress of the fire Lin Kam, the occupier of No. 134, was busily engaged in transferring his articles of merchandise into the street, when he saw Pang Tin walking off with two rolls of cloth, valued at \$95. He called out to the police and the man was arrested. He stated that he did not intend to steal the goods, but was only carrying them to a place of safety. As he had removed them from where the owner had put them, and was taking them away in the direction of Ship Street, he was not believed, and he was taken into custody. At the Magistrate's this morning, he appeared before Mr. J. H. Kemp, who was also of opinion that he intended to steal the cloth, and who sentenced him to three months' imprisonment with hard labour, and ordered him to be exposed in the stocks for three hours in lieu of one week's gaol.

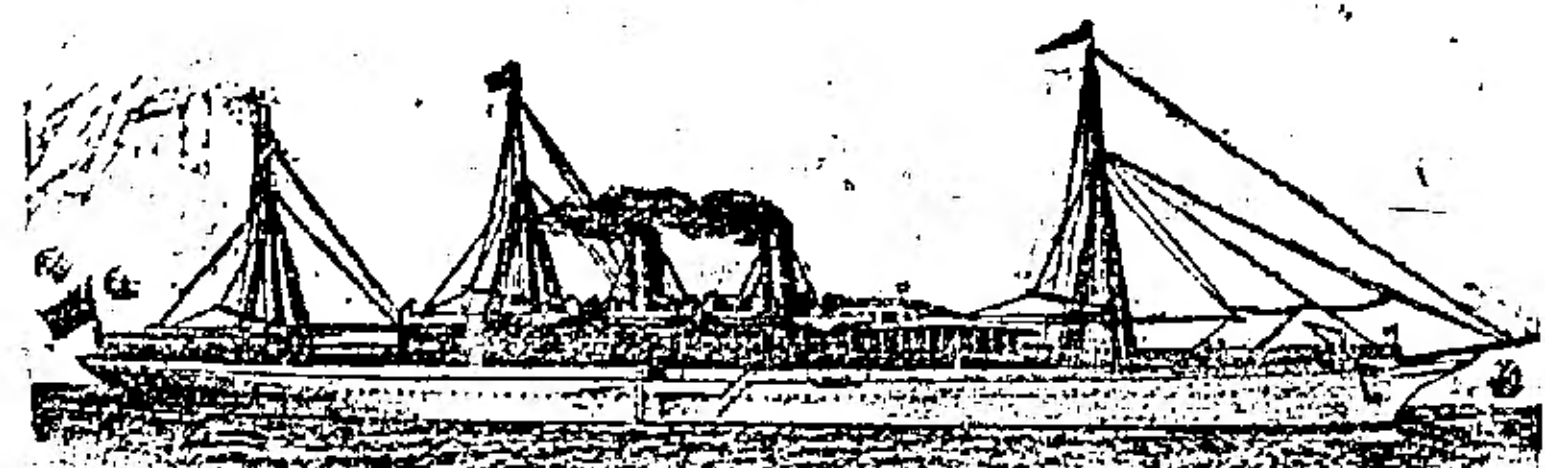
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S.S. *Arcturion*, Capt. Fohrer, 15th December, 1903. Freight.
S.S. *Nahla*, Capt. Von Hove, About end of December.
FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.
CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
S.S. *Nürnberg*, Capt. Jambou, 29th December, 1903. Freight.
FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.
CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.
S.S. *Andria*, Capt. Duckert, 5th January, 1904. Freight.
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R.M.S. *ATHLETIC* 3882 Tons WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27.
R.M.S. *EMPEROR OF INDIA* 6000 Tons WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10.
R.M.S. *TARTAR* 4425 Tons WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24.
R.M.S. *EMPEROR OF JAPAN* 6000 Tons WEDNESDAY, Mar. 9.
R.M.S. *EMPEROR OF CHINA* 6000 Tons WEDNESDAY, Mar. 30.
R.M.S. *EMPEROR OF INDIA* 6000 Tons WEDNESDAY, April 20.
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THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
<i>HIROSHIMA MARU</i> , S. Nagao,	MOU, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 26th Nov., Daylight.
<i>IDZUMI MARU</i> , M. Yagi,	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.	FRIDAY, 27th Nov., at Noon.
<i>SADO MARU</i> , S. J. G. Parsons,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SAURDAY, 23rd Nov., at Daylight.
<i>SHINANO MARU</i> , W. Thomsen,	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOU, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	SATURDAY, 25th Nov., at 4 p.m.
<i>BOMBAY MARU</i> , T. Mural,	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 1st Dec., at Noon.
<i>YAWATA MARU</i> , A. E. Mose,	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2, at Noon.

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

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AUSTRALIAN, JAVA, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PELUS	29th November.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	DARABUNG	5th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	YANTSEI	12th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	YANTSEI	24th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	YANTSEI	29th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NESTOR	1st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KEENUN	8th January.

The S.S. PELUS left Singapore on 21st inst. a.m., and is due here on 26th inst.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYSON	8th December.
* LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	20th December.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	PROMETHEUS	22nd December.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YANTSEI	9th January.
* LIVERPOOL	YANTSEI	16th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DIOSOT	19th January.

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NKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	TYDUS	1st January.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	WOODSUN	25th November.
MANILA	SUNGLANG	25th November.
MANILA	CHANGSHA	2nd December.
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STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1903.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 25th Nov.
PREZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 9th Dec.
KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec.
KLAUSCHOU	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb.
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar.

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<i>TACOMA</i>	2812	M. Ridley	December 13.
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<i>TREMONT</i>	3502	T. W. Garlick	December 21.
<i>LYRA</i>	4417	J. V. Williams	January 21.
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LONDON, &c.	Capt. W. R. PALMER	Noon, 5th December.	See Special Advertisement.
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STEAMERS	LEAVING
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TAMSAI, Via SWATOW, AND AMOY.	DAIGI MARU, FRIDAY, 27th November.
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A FLAG INCIDENT.

The H. N. B. Herald of the 16th October says:—By some strange fatality which seems to have occurred at Fort Pryor the flag of the United States appeared at half-mast and upside down on the arrival of the U.S.S. Albatross on the 11th inst. As this incident was noticed by those on board we take this opportunity of apologizing for the gross stupidity of an Indian Constable who is responsible for the trouble which has been explained to him in unmistakable terms as follows:—

(i) that he should not have hoisted the American flag at all but dipped the Hornet Jack three times in reply to a similar salute from the Albatross.

(ii) that if he does intend to hoist the United States flag he must see that it is hoisted in the future that the flag is not upside down.

(iii) that it is better to die a violent death at the hands of a Barrack-room comrade than to hoist the U.S. flag half-mast. We are greatly relieved to hear that a constable has been specially detailed now to attend to the flag business whenever a men-of-war visit the port, and we hope that the question of salutes will at last be placed on a correct and workable system to the elimination of these public blunders which cause us all so much pain and disgust.

THE LATE DUKE OF RICHMOND.

Says our London Correspondent:—The death of the Duke of Richmond will be keenly felt by those who, like himself, devote so much time to the improvement of English agriculture. On all the many Agricultural Commissions that his Grace had been ever noted for the tact and calm judgment which he brought to bear on this question which is year by year becoming more important. He was one of the few who believed that England's prosperity was synonymous with the better cultivation of her land, and agricultural depression caused him much anxiety and worry. It is said that farms which in his lifetime were regarded as containing some of the finest wheat-growing land in the country were given up by his tenants who declared they would be unable to make them pay even if they had them rent free. The Goodwood Race Course was situated on his Sussex estate, and the hospitality of Goodwood House was one of the most celebrated features of this famous meeting; indeed there is some doubt now that the Duke is dead whether the gathering will be continued, because the course is some distance from the railway station and a steep hill makes it difficult of approach, and in these days of quick and easy travel these are two serious considerations. The Duke of Richmond is a descendant of the Duke of Devonshire, and it is a family tradition that the oldest son should always be called after this monarch.

LADY MISSIONARIES.

A crowded meeting, largely composed of ladies, was held at the Church House, Westminster, on Sept. 20, to take leave of 34 lady missionaries of the "Church of England Zenana Missionary Society," almost all of whom are proceeding to the foreign field this month. Twenty-nine are going to India, two to China, one each to Singapore and Ceylon, and one for a year's deputation work in Canada and New Zealand, on a tour for China. Seven are going out for the first time; the rest are returning. One new worker, sent by the Church Missionary Association of Victoria, Australia, has been accepted by the Committee for work in China. Sir W. Mackworth Young, chairman of the Society, presided, and gave the opening address. He remarked that in view of the present proportion of missionaries of all nationalities to the population of India—namely, one to 70,000—and the still more unfavourable ratio from China, he could wish that the claims of foreign missions were heard with tenfold greater attention, and that hundreds, instead of tens, were going out in response. In his opinion, English women missionaries, such as this large meeting was gathered to bid farewell to, were the truest body of heroines that the work of history could record, and they were to be esteemed for their work's sake, supported, and initiated. The instructions to the outgoing missionaries were read by the Rev. G. Tonge, clerical secretary; two of the returning missionaries, Miss B. Branton Carey (Sindh) and Miss J. B. Bardsley (Central Province), addressed the audience; and the Rev. D. J. Stalker Hunt, vicar of Holy Trinity, Tunbridge Wells, gave the valedictory address from Ephes. i. 18-23. A collection in aid of the general funds of the society, which amounted to £17, was made during the course of the meeting.

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Auction.

10 a.m. - Auction of Sundry Naval,

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Meeting.

Noon - Meeting of Hongkong Nursing

Institution, in the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

9 a.m. - Military Practice.

Goods per *Argenta* undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Tania Maria* not cleared on

this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, November 26: -

Goods per *Nippon* undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

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p.m. on this date landed.

FRIDAY, November 27: -

Goods per *Bullant* not cleared at 4 p.m.

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SATURDAY, November 28: -

5 p.m. - Auction of a Fine Collection of

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MONDAY, November 30: -

An Interim Dividend of A. S. Watson

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TUESDAY, December 8: -

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On the 16th November, at Blanche Villa,

Scott's Road, Singapore, the wife of H. A.

Scott, of a Daughter.

On November 18, at 8 Chaoufong Road,

Shanghai, to Mr and Mrs J. W. S. Nis-

son, a Daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 17th November, at Holy Trinity

Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. C. J. F.

Symons, B.A., WILLIAM McCROSS, of

Stevenson, to ISABELLA CAMPBELL FLOAN,

of Glasgow, Scotland.

On the 10th November, at the residence

of Mr D. Willard Lyon, 85, Range Road,

Shanghai, by the Rev. A. P. Parker,

PHILIP LORING GILL, of Seoul, to BERTHA

LOUISE ALLEN, of Colorado Springs.

DEATHS.

On the 10th November, at No. 12 Wilkie

Road, Singapore, YVIAN EMIL GORDON,

the youngest son of Mr and Mrs H. C. Hogan;

aged 2 years and 4 months.

On the 10th October, at San Francisco,

Mr A. BRUNT; aged 68 years.

The publication of this issue commenced

at 5.15 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1903.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Anti-Missionary Riot.

It is reported from Ningbo that an

other anti-missionary riot is in progress in

the Haining District of Chekiang.

Fighting in the Philippines.

American troops are at present fighting

the islands of Jolo. The Moros are sup-

posed to be in an impregnable position.

Interport Rifle Match.

Commenting on the Interport Rifle

Match, the *Singapore Free Press* says: -

Tenang has a good deal of leeway to make

up to justify its recent admission into the

match. An average of midway between

magpies and snipers has no chance of doing

anything else than coming in last.

The War.

War not having broken out 'within a

few days,' as predicted by the prophet of

some of our Far Eastern contemporaries,

the special correspondent and prophet of

the *Singapore Free Press* now writes: - 'I

have been away round Korea since I last

wrote, and cannot alter my former view -

that war is inevitable sooner or later.

Before February, I think.'

The Seychelles Colony.

It is officially announced that the King

has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to

be passed under the Great Seal of the United

Kingdom erecting the Seychelles Islands

into a separate Colony, to be known as the

Colony of Seychelles, and constituting the

office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief

thereof. His Majesty has also been pleased

to appoint Ernest Bickham Sweet-Escott,

Esq., C.M.G. (now Administrator), to be

Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the

Colony of Seychelles.

The British Squadron.

The *Times* of the 23rd ult. says: - The

Centurion, battleship, will be commissioned

at Portsmouth on November 3, by Capt.

F. F. Fegen, as was stated in this column

yesterday. We have authority for saying

that the statement published in some

newspapers, but not in *The Times*, that the

Russell, battleship, Capt. A. L. Wine-

loo, C.M.G., would proceed from the

Mediterranean to the China Station is

incorrect. There has never been any in-

tervention of sending the Russell to China, nor

is the *Europe*, cruiser, going to that

station.

Naval Matters.

The British war vessels from the

North are commencing to get down towards

Hongkong, as the sloops *Rinaldo*, *Epigle*

and *Phoenix* and the 2nd class cruiser

Thetis will leave Japan within a couple of

days. The 1st class cruiser *Leviathan* left

Wei-Hai-Wei yesterday for Hongkong, and

the battleship *Gloria* is on her way down.

The battleship *Tulbat*, from Japan, arrived

on Saturday afternoon, after spending a

couple of days in Mira Bay. The Storeship

Hammer is at Mira Bay, as is also the

surveying-ship *Waterwitch*. The *Hammer*

returns about Wednesday, but the *Water-*

witch will remain in Mira Bay until Christ-

mas.

Doctor Drown d at Bangkok.

A Rangoon telegram dated 3rd inst.

says: - A and accident occurred in the

canal near China Street, last night, in which Dr

Leestrange, assistant port health officer, was

drowned. He and two friends, Messrs H.

W. Young and F. A. dy, had just left 22nd

Street, after witnessing the illuminations,

and were on their way to the Shw Dagon

Pagoda, when Dr Leestrange, missing his

footing on the bank, fell into the canal near

the treadmill. This happened at about 9.35

p.m., as his watch stopped at that time.

Mr Young, seeing some natives hurrying

to the spot, at once jumped in, but, being

unable to swim, had to be helped out him-

self by a couple of soldiers. Then Mr A. dy

dived in and, after several fruitless at-

tempts, succeeded in locating the body,

and with some difficulty, brought it ashore.

Artificial respiration was at once tried for

a short time on the bank, and then the body

was taken to the General Hospital, where

restorative measures were resorted to for

several hours, but all to no purpose.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The Peking University talks of sending

23 students to Japan next Spring, and 10 to

Europe to study.

Captain Gale, 2nd Gurkhas, has been

selected for appointment as Assistant Com-

mandant, Lushai Military Police.

Second Lieutenant, Woodfall, Middle-

sex Regiment, attached to the 1st Norfolk,

died at Bareilly, India, on November 4.

French Railway Engineers surveying in

Yunnan are reported to have been attacked

in Lingachio and narrowly escaped with

their lives.

According to a recent advice to certain

official quarters in Tokio, Viceroy Alexieff

will leave Port Arthur for St. Petersburg

on the 28th inst.

Chin Kwan, the small official who con-

cerned himself in the death of Shen Chien,

is said to be going to America on the track

of more reformers.

The nephew of Li Hung-Chang, Mr Li

Ching-Tzu, is about to receive a Tao-tai-ship

in Kwangsi, and an Edict is expected to be

issued in a few days.

A telegram from the Chinese Governor

at Urga states the Russians have stopped

all Chinese and Mongol traffic through that

place, and have built forts at Tachikow.

There were 194 European and 69 Chi-

nese visitors to the City Hall Library, 58

European and 1367 Chinese to the Museum

during the week ending 22nd November.

In his recent frontier tour, Lord Kit-

cheener inspected the important passes,

positions, and garrisons in Chital and

Gilgit, and rode and walked one thousand

five hundred miles.

The *Peking* and *Tientsin Times* of Nov.

6 says that it is reported that the Customs